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SUMMARY: PRIMIN-DESIGNATE IRMAK'S INITIATIVE TO FORM
A NATIONAL COALITION APPEARS TO BE RUNNING INTO SAME
REFUSAL TO COMPROMISE WHICH HAS PRODUCED DEADLOCK IN
ALL PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO RESOLVE GOVERNMENT CRISIS. THE
NATIONALIST FRONT IS REGAINING ITS COHESION, AND IRMAK'S
SUPPORT FROM DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) MAY VANISH IF
REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY IS ONLY OTHER SUPPORTER. END SUMMARY

1. THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY VARIOUS PARTIES ON MARCH 4 SEEM
TO INDICATE A CONTINUATION OF THE UNWILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE
WHICH DEADLOCKED IRMAK'S NOVEMBER EFFORT TO ASSEMBLY A
COALITION AS WELL AS THE PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS BY REPUBLICAN
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PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT AND JUSTICE PARTY (JP)

CHAIRMAN DEMIREL. THE STATEMENT MADE BY DEMIREL ON MARCH 4 (REFTEL) HAS APPARENTLY RESULTED IN A CLOSING OF THE RANKS IN THE NATIONALIST FRONT. THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) AND NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (NAP) STATEMENTS ISSUED LATER THE SAME DAY SHOW A CLEAR CHANGE FROM "UNDECIDED" TO "NO."

A. RR CHAIRMAN FEYZIOGLU, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY CALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE NATIONALIST FRONT BEFORE TAKING A POSITION ON THE IRMAK EFFORT, SAID THAT IF AN EARLY ELECTION GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE RPP (AND WITH THE RPP'S CONDITIONS) COULD BE FORMED, IT SHOULD BE FORMED WITHOUT DELAY; OR, IF IRMAK COULD FORM A GOVERNMENT BASED ON PARLIAMENT, HE SHOULD DO SO. FAILING THIS, THE REponsIBILITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO WERE CAPABLE OF FORMING A "GOVERNMENT OF ACTION" (I.E., THE NATIONALIST FRONT).

B. NAP CHAIRMAN TURKES REVERSED HIS PARTY'S EARLIER STATEMENT SUPPORTING A NATIONAL COALITION. TURKES SAID PRESENT CONDITIONS WERE UNSUITABLE FOR THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT AND DEMANDED THAT THE DUTY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE NATIONALIST FRONT.

2. THE DP'S SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL COALITION PROBABLY IS MEANINGLESS IN THE ABSENCE OF AN RPP-JP AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT IRMAK. THE DP HAS REJECTED GOING IT ALONE WITH THE RPP IN THE PAST AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT IT WOULD NOT AGREE TO DO SO NOW.
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